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NEW HEDWIG DEVELOPMENT.

**MYSTERY VESSEL
RUMOURS.**

**SURVIVORS LAND
AT 2 P.M.**

**INTERVIEW WITH FOREIGN
MEMBERS OF CREW.**

STORY OF WRECK.

Mysterious whisperings relating to the wreck of the Dutch schooner Hedwig, concerning who she is and what she was doing when stranded on the Pratas Shoal, suggest that the drama of the affair has only begun with the rescue of her crew yesterday afternoon after superb rescue work by H.M.S. Suffolk.

Sensational developments are expected in the next two or three days, though officials are extremely reticent, an attitude which merely adds to the atmosphere of suspicion.

Five Foreigners Aboard.

It is now known definitely that five of the crew of fourteen rescued from the schooner were foreigners and nine Chinese. Their names, if known, have not been disclosed, with the exception of that of the master, Captain Ypma, who is also the owner, and who is of Dutch nationality.

The chief mate and the two engineers of the craft, which was equipped with an auxiliary engine, are British. The second mate is an American.

From South Seas?

The naval authorities have been informed by wireless by H.M.S. Suffolk that Captain Ypma had said that the motor-schooner was on a voyage from the South Sea islands to Hongkong and had been ninety days out when she was caught in the grip of a fierce north-east monsoon, and driven ashore on the Pratas Reef.

Stories which have begun to get into circulation to-day, however, throw a sort of glamour over the affair.

No specific allegations appear to have been made and it is not clear whether the activities of the vessel have been the concern of authority, or whether their interest has been in a member of the crew.

Nevertheless, there seems to be ground for the belief that startling revelations may be made shortly.

Later. The names of the foreign members of the crew are:

Sirid Ypma, captain, Dutch.
Richard Watson, chief mate, Canadian.

Horry Jennings, second mate, American.

William Mercer, chief engineer, American.

A. Browning, second engineer, British.

The Suffolk arrived in port with the survivors aboard at 1:30 p.m. to-day. They were met by Mr. J. van Schreven, the Dutch Vice-Consul, and taken to the Dutch Consulate.

Chief Mate's Story.

According to Mr. Richard Watson, chief mate, the Hedwig was going full speed into the teeth of the monsoon at 1 a.m. on Tuesday, when she struck the Pratas reef head on.

"It was pitch dark at the time, and I was thrown from my bunk where I was asleep," he said.

"Rushing on deck I found a terrific storm raging. The rain was coming down in sheets and there was a furious wind."

"We were hard and fast on the top of the coral with the surf beating against us. We have a Chinese boy, who knows a little English and operates the short-wave radio set we have."

Anxious Night.

"We began sending out messages immediately but it was 8 p.m. by day before we were picked up by Guam, the island in the Pacific east of the Philippines. They told us that they were relaying our messages (Continued on Page 18). Reuter.

POLITICAL CRISIS IN FRANCE.

M. TARDIEU DEFEATED IN THE SENATE.

DRAMATIC DEBATE.

Paris, Dec. 4.

The Government was to-day defeated in the Senate by 137 votes to 139 on an Opposition interpellation on the Government's policy. The Government's resignation appears to be involved.

Later. M. Tardieu has tendered his resignation to President Doumergue.

The resignation of the Government followed one of the most dramatic debates for some time in a packed house.

Replying to a vigorous attack on the Government's policy by Deputy Hergé, M. Tardieu declared that France's economic position was healthy, and that the foreign situation was serious, but not grave.

The Government's policy in regard to Germany, he went on, was in pursuance of a maintenance of the fruits of victory and the cause of peace.

He added with reference to M. Briand's plan for European organisation that if Europe had not organised itself in the next decade, he could not give much for Europe. Reuter.

BRITISH OFFICER KILLED.

AFRIDIS FIRE ON BRIGADE ON THE MARCH.

Peshawar, Dec. 4.

Captain H. St. C. O. Will, the Adjutant of the Sikh Regiment, was killed by Afghani tribesmen, who fired on the Jhansi Brigade while it was returning to camp after acting as a covering force for troops engaged in road-making on the Askhak Plain.

The Jat Regiment checked the Afghans, who are believed to have suffered considerable casualties.

The road-making in the Peshawar District is in accord with the programme outlined by the Viceroy recently, designed to assist troop manoeuvres and destroy cover afforded to the Afghani raiders. Reuter.

SEIZURE OF SHIP'S CARGO.

SUPPOSED CONTRABAND ON ITALIAN BOAT.

The seizure of a consignment of cargo, on the advice of the League of Nations, from the s.s. Moncalieri was made when the ship called at Singapore on November 24 and although no definite information has been received from the authorities in the South, it is believed that the cargo contained contraband.

It has been ascertained that ten cases which were declared as lyes and 24 cases purporting to contain Panama bark were placed on board the Moncalieri at Trieste, but it is thought that the port of origin was some town further inland.

The consignment was en route to Shanghai, but on arrival at Singapore the authorities had it removed.

The Moncalieri belongs to the Lloyd-Sabio line, but is under charter by the Lloyd Triestino Navigation Company. She is at present in Hongkong.

INDISPOSITION OF MR. CHADBOURNE.

SUGAR CONFERENCE HELD UP IN CONSEQUENCE.

Brussels, Dec. 4.

The International Sugar Conference, which should have opened to-day, has been postponed on the ground that the conversations at Amsterdam between representatives of Java, Cuba and the United States, have not yet finished owing to the indisposition of Mr. Chadbourne, the principal United States delegate. Reuter.

INDIAN PARLEY OPTIMISM.

COMMITTEES MAKING PROGRESS.

OBVIOUS DESIRE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT.

IMPORTANT POINTS.

Excellent progress is being made by the Committees of the Round Table Conference which are considering the question of India's Federal structure and the Provincial Constitutions, the point being stressed that there is complete absence of attempts to score debating points whilst a genuine desire to help forward the work is manifest. Moreover, a strong spirit of optimism is apparent in Conference circles.

London, Dec. 4.

As a result of the discussion continued to-day by the Federal Structure Sub-Committee of the Round Table Conference, it was decided to add provisionally the two most important subjects of Railways and Maritime Customs to the list of subjects reported yesterday which will tentatively be considered as of common concern as between British India and the Indian States.

BUSINESSLIKE METHOD.

The businesslike manner in which this Committee is handling its intricate tasks has been stimulated by the spirit of optimism in Conference circles. It is understood that in its discussions there has been a complete absence of attempts to score mere debating points, and a genuine and unanimous desire to help forward the work entrusted to the Committee.

The same spirit showed itself in the Provincial Constitution Sub-Committee, which, under the Chairmanship of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, held its first meeting to-day. Following the example set by Lord Sandys' Committee, it engaged in a general discussion, from which a series of concrete questions were formulated, which will be taken as a basis for future procedure.

IMPORTANT QUERIES.

Among these questions were the following:

Is it practicable to abolish the distinction between "reserved" and "transferred" subjects, the "reserved" questions in the Provinces being those which are retained in the hands of the Government of India and the "transferred" subjects those which are placed under the control of the provincial authorities?

If abolition should be favoured what firstly, should be the constitution and composition of the Executive, and, secondly, what should be the powers of the Government *vis-à-vis* the Executive and the Legislature?

Rights of Minorities.

A further question formulated was what, if any, provisions are necessary to safeguard, firstly, the administration of law and order, and, secondly, the rights of the minorities or any other interest.

Although a special committee has been set up to deal with the minorities question, the position of the minorities in any Provincial Constitution must of necessity be considered by this Committee which in future will doubtless join forces, as occasion requires, with the Minorities Committee.

Other questions propounded were: Should all special powers be exercised by the Governor, or should some be exercised by the Executive as a whole?

Where should the Governor obtain the advice necessary for the exercise of his special powers?

OTHER POINTS.

Should any provision be made in the event of a breakdown in the Constitution, and, if so, what emergency powers should be given, firstly, to the Governor; secondly, to the Executive; thirdly, what condition adopted would be requisite for the exercise of this power; and, fourthly, under which safeguards should they be exercised?

The Committee charged with considering conditions enabling Burma to be separated from India will hold its first meeting to-morrow. It is probable that Lord Russell will be the Chairman. Reuter.

HEROIC SWIM FOR HELP.

MISS SPOONER'S GRIM ADVENTURE.

BITTERLY COLD.

London, Dec. 4.

A graphic story of the grim adventure which befel Miss Winifred Spooner and Flying Officer E. C. T. Edwards, the former Oxford rowing Blue, when the plane in which they were making an ambitious attempt to break the record for flight to Cape Town developed engine trouble and was forced down into the sea, comes to hand this afternoon from Belmonte, on the Italian coast.

The mishap occurred round about midnight, but fortunately the plane floated. After a long wait, their shouts for help and distress flares unheeded, Miss Spooner decided to swim for the shore two miles away. She struggled through an extremely cold and choppy sea, and was stiff with cold and exhaustion when she landed.

There was nobody about. She stumbled to the railway station,

QUAKE IN BURMA.

SHOCK OF GREAT INTENSITY.

FIRST DEATH-ROLL: 36.

Rangoon, Dec. 4.

The district of Pyn is seriously affected by an earthquake of great severity last night. Details are lacking but hitherto thirty-six persons are reported to have been killed. Many have been injured.

The railway between Mandalay and Rangoon is unsafe in several places. Reuter.

The Royal Observatory informs us that the earthquake was recorded in Hongkong at 2:55 a.m. yesterday. The centre was apparently 1,950 kilometres from Hongkong.

The amplitude of the waves shows that the disturbance was more intense than even that of the Japanese earthquake of 1923.

where she roused the station-master and was most carefully tended.

Flying Officer Edwards, in the meantime, had managed to attract the notice of fishing boats who landed him also at the small village of Belmonte.

Both Miss Spooner and Edwards received minor head injuries.

ITALY'S ASSISTANCE.

An aeroplane has been sent to Miss Spooner's assistance by the Italian Air Minister Count Balbo.

Miss Spooner, who became a pilot in 1927, has made a number of historic flights and has had several remarkable escapes. She received the woman's trophy of the International League of Aviators in March. Their aeroplane has been towed into Belmonte. Reuter and British Wireless.

ANOTHER AMERICAN BANK FAILURE.

FIRM ESTABLISHED OVER 60 YEARS AGO.

New York, Dec. 4.

After an interval of nearly a fortnight, another fairly large banking failure is reported from the South, a message from Charlotte, North Carolina, announcing that the First National Bank, the oldest national bank in the State, did not open for business to-day.

The First National Bank of North Carolina was founded in 1869, and has deposits of approximately \$61,567,000. Reuter.

MINERS VOTE FOR PEACE.

ONLY THREE GROUPS SEEK STRIKE.

SPREADOVER ISSUE REFERRED TO THE DISTRICTS.

BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

London, Dec. 4.

Having disposed of the question of a national strike, a motion in favour thereof being defeated by 230,000 to 209,000 the national conference of the Miners' Federation proceeded to a discussion of the question of permitting the operation of a spreadover of hours system.

It is understood that Scotland, Yorkshire and Lancashire were among the districts voting in favour of a national stoppage, while districts representing about one hundred thousand men abstained from voting.

The abstainers included the delegates from South Wales, where special emergency measures should be taken immediately as regards the mines and the railways and the dumping of foreign goods into England at unfair prices.

In the House of Commons, a division was taken on the committee stage of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill, on a Conservative motion to continue the Dyestuffs Act for another five years.

The Act was passed during the war for "ten years and no longer," and is due to expire on January 14. It amounted to a total prohibition of imports except by special licence.

Ninety per cent of the dyes consumed in Great Britain are now of British origin, and much is exported, whereas in the days before the war only twenty per cent of dyes used in Britain were British.

Officials also reported on their interviews with the Prime Minister and other Government leaders regarding the operation of the new Mines Act in relation to the condition, and upon the recommendation of the National Industrial Board that in South Wales and Scottish areas temporary arrangements should be made for working the spreadover on existing wages.

PREMIER'S ADVICE.

It was stated that the Prime Minister gave the miners' leaders similar advice, so that while work was continued on such a basis, the mines industry might have a chance to get the organisation schemes and the new Mines Act working.

It was pointed out that there had been an unexpected delay in the organisation of the industry and the marketing schemes, and thus the reduction of hours insisted upon had been authorised before the industry was really ready for the move.

REFERRED TO DISTRICTS.

After a good deal of discussion, the conference decided to refer the question of the spreadover to the districts.

Thus for the time being the ban on the spreadover is removed. Reuter and British Wireless.

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ASSESSMENT RATE INCREASED.

SIMPLIFIED TABLE TO BE DRAWN UP.

OTHER MATTERS.

The Legislative Council unanimously agreed to a four per cent. increase in the Assessment Rate of the Colony, at a meeting held yesterday afternoon, but it was foreshadowed that the table would be reviewed by July 1, next, in order that the percentage should be adjusted to the amenities provided to property.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel, K.B.E., C.M.G.) presided, and there were also present:

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E.). The Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E.). The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood).

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. G. McLean, O.B.E.). Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E. (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N. (Retired) (Harbour Master).

Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services).

Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G. (Inspector General of Police).

Hon. Sir Shenton Chow, Kt.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Hon. Mr. B. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.

Hon. Mr. G. S. Mackie.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Gray.

Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso, C.B.E., LL.D.

Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.

Mr. N. L. Smith (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

Increased Rates.

The Colonial Secretary, in moving the resolution to increase the Assessment Rate by four per cent, said: "The resolution in my name on the Agenda paper, which I ask permission to have accepted as read, implements the policy indicated in this year's Budget Debate, to increase the Assessment rates of the Colony by a uniform 4% in the coming year.

Our Rating Ordinance, No. 6 of 1901, gives general power to assess and to demand the payment of rates; but does not differentiate between the public services for which rates are payable.

In fact, only in the Water Ordinance are rates connected with any particular service, and there only as a basis for the calculation of the free allowance. The ideal however seems to have grown

and with it rather a vague principle.

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Criminal Appeals in the Colony?

Answer.—Yes.

Question.—Has the suggestion been considered by Government before?

Answer.—Yes.

Question.—If the reply to question 2 be in the affirmative, will the Government state the reasons for not adopting the precedent in England for creating a Court of Criminal Appeal in Hongkong?

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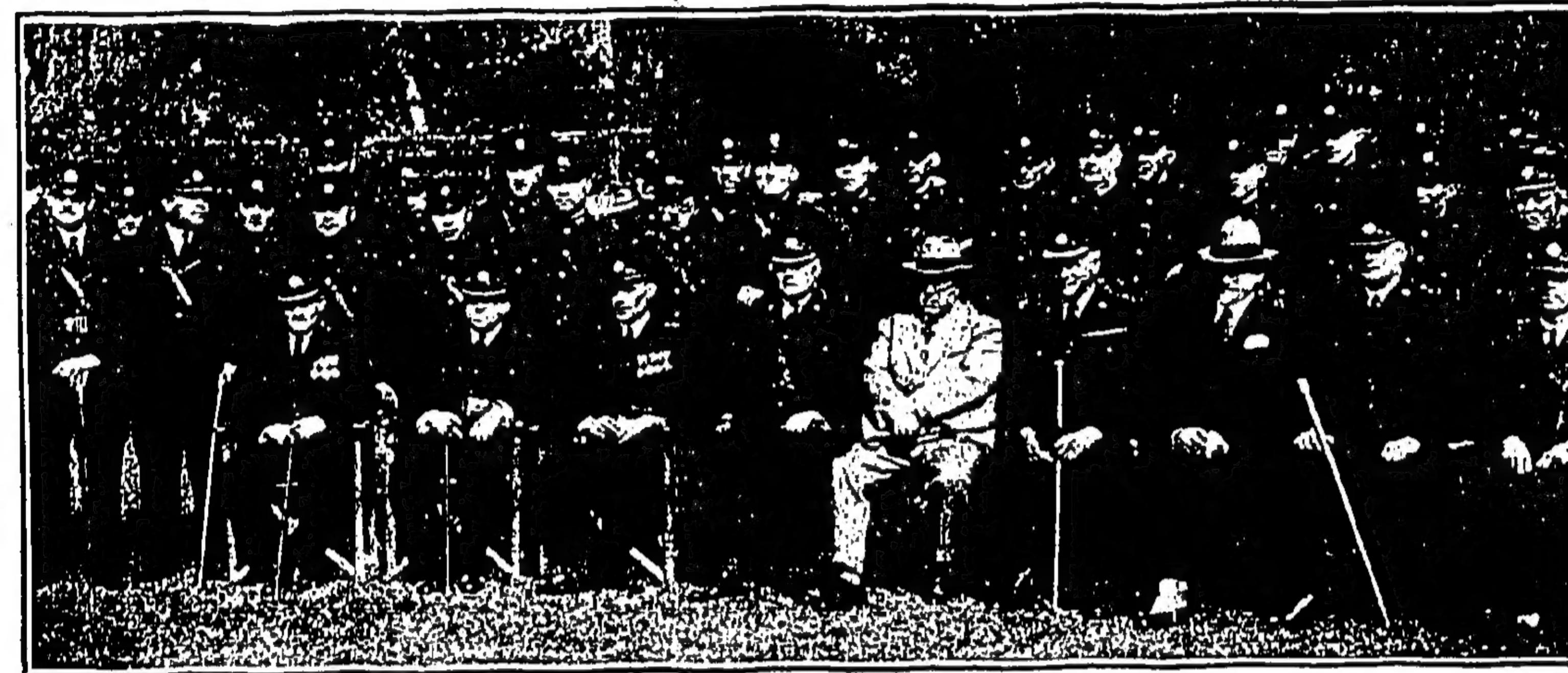
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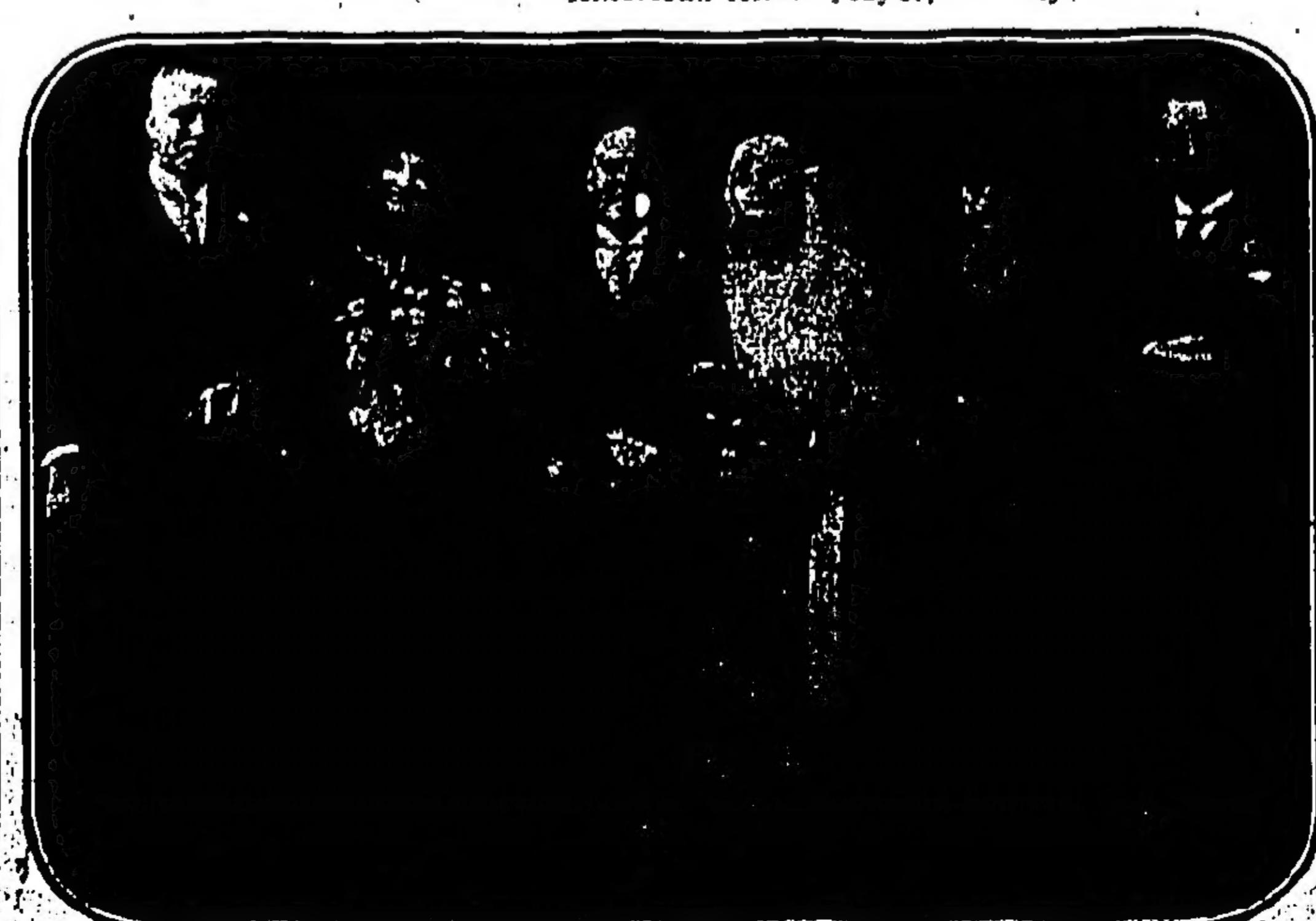
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Miss A. S. Alton, who eloped with George Lott, the famous American tennis player, recently.



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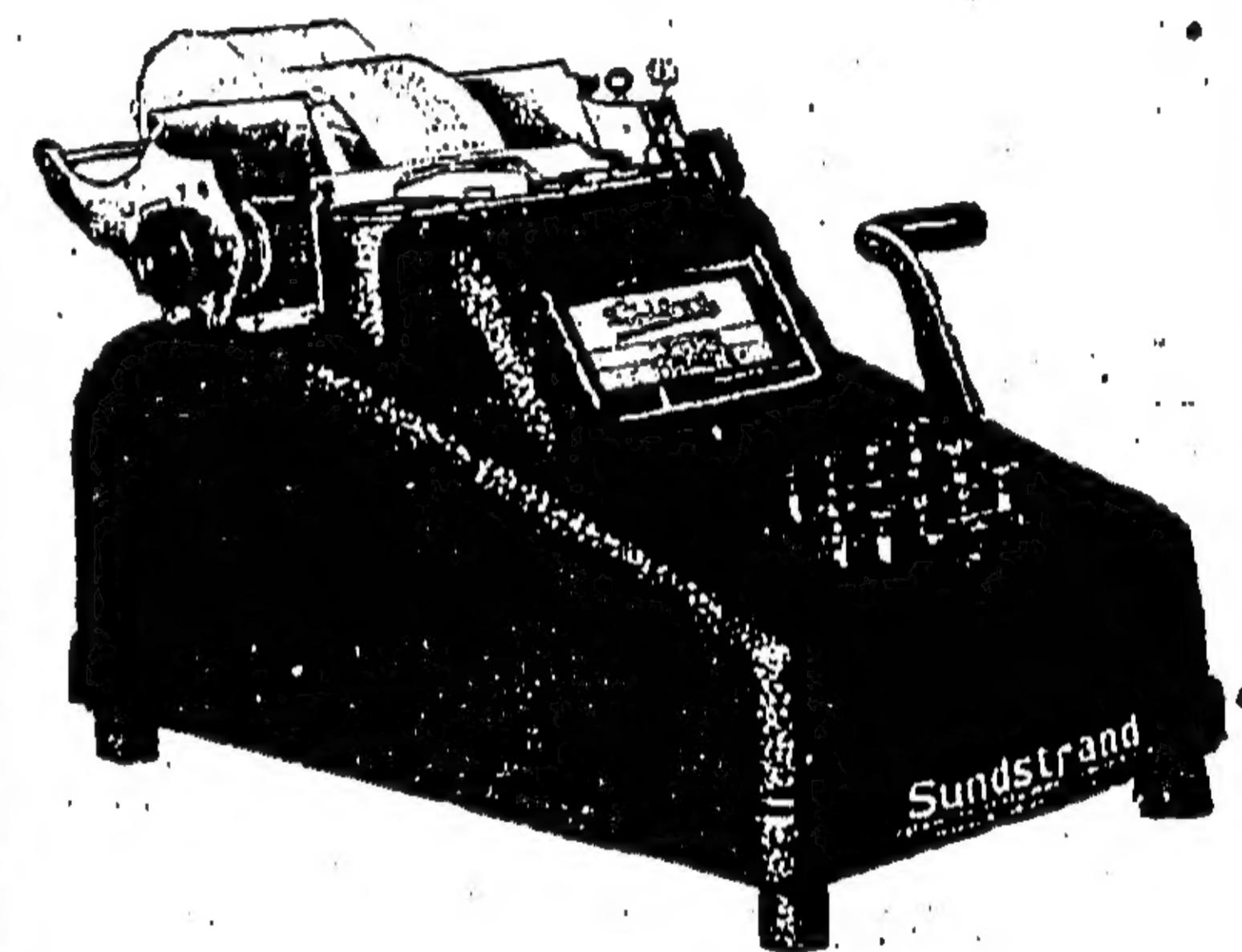
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THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry forms for the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 13th December, 1930 (Weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables. Entries close at 12 o'clock Noon on Monday, 8th December, 1930.

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of December, 1930, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Uprate Price.
1	Kowloon Island Lot No. 414.	Intersection of Tai Nan Street and Cedar Street and Queen's Road C.	As per sale plan.	About 13,550	\$212	\$17,000

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Uprate Price.
2	Inland Lot No. 359.	East of Inland Lot No. 352, Wong Nei Chung.	As per sale plan.	About 13,700	\$80	\$18,255

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental.	Uprate Price.
3	Inland Lot No. 310.	Adjoining Inland Lot No. 289, Wong Nei Chung.	As per sale plan.	About 19,700	\$114	\$19,255

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MEMBERS ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5, for Gentlemen and \$2 for Ladies, are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badge (limited to two) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying. On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1. for all persons including ladies and is payable at the gate. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

By Order.

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

2. That the Capital of the Company be increased from its diminished capital of \$194,061.00 Hongkong Currency divided into 27,723 shares of \$7.00 each to \$500,010. Hongkong Currency divided into 71,439 shares of \$7.00 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company.

3. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$77,630 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Funds and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of January 1931 in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal amount, and the General Managers shall give effect to any such resolution accordingly, and any shares allotted pursuant to any such resolution shall be distributed among the members holding shares of the Company as far as practicable in proportion to the number of shares held by them respectively, and shall be credited as fully paid by means of the profits so capitalised and the General Managers may make such provision by the issue of fractional certificates or by the payment of cash or by sale and distribution of the proceeds or otherwise as they may think expedient for the ease of fractions. The General Managers shall be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$77,630 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Funds and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of January 1931 in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of two shares for every five shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of January, 1931.

4. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share the General Managers shall in lieu of issuing fractional certificates cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the General Managers and such share may at such time as the General Managers think fit be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up the share.

5. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised out of the profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Funds to pay to the members holding the 27,723 existing shares of the Company as on the 1st day of January, 1931 a sum equal to \$6.00 for every five shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively by way of a bonus dividend out of the profits of the Company.

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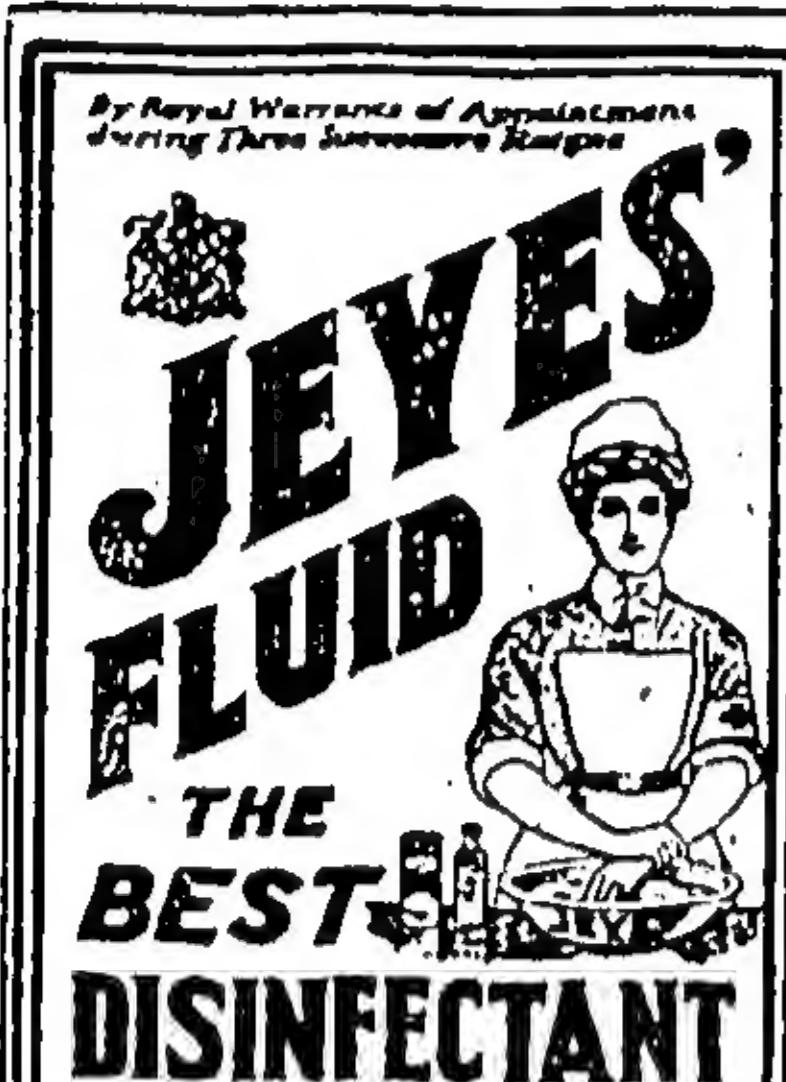
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Little John, (tearfully, after falling down): "Boo—I've hurt myself." Mother: "Well, don't cry about it." Little Johnnie, (indignantly) "Well, what's crying for then?"

Evidently Johnnie has a logical kind of mind, and no doubt, his mother would be greatly exercised in her mind to answer his question. In fact, Johnnie's little indignant question would probably find the foremost scientists and philosophers in the world at a loss for an answer and could lead up to a most profound discussion. Let the solution be what it will there is little doubt but that tears are a safety valve for children just as they are for women. Still, no-one likes to see children cry and the modern tendency towards gentleness and intelligent sympathy, as opposed to older disciplinary methods, is bringing greater chances of happiness into children's lives.

In other fields too much progress is being made towards making children of to-day happier, and, in consequence, healthier, than those of past generations. Old-fashioned nauseating, crude purgatives that gripe and upset the nerves are being discarded; so-called "soothing" medicines for babies, containing narcotics and opiates are being swept out of existence. Baby's Own Tablets, the most perfect children's medicine yet achieved by modern science, has done more to accomplish this than anything else. Baby's Own Tablets is a perfectly balanced combination of ingredients, dispensed under the supervision of the highest qualified chemists for the relief of infantile indigestion, constipation and colic. They also check diarrhoea, expel worms, allay fever, colds and cough. During toothache they are especially invaluable, easing the pain and toxins in a natural way, inducing sound sleep. Above all, they are pleasant to take and, whilst gently active, they soothe the delicate internal organs of the child. Truly, the greatest boon of the age to children and parents alike is obtainable from all chemists.

LOCAL RADIO.

LECTURE ON DR. JOHNSON TO-NIGHT.

To-day's radio programme broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 365 metres: 6.00 p.m. Chinese programme, 7.00 p.m. European programme of Columbia records selected and supplied by Messrs. The Anderson Music Co. 7.15-7.30 p.m. Two Organ Solos, Pastoral. Edouard Comette, 3093. The Cuckoo and the Nightingale. Anton van der Horst, DB156. 7.15-7.30 p.m. Squire Celeste Octet, Collette. (by Fraser-Simson), DB231. Memories of Devon. (by Evans), DB231. The Piccaninnies Picnic. Twilight on the Waters. (by J. B. Squire), DB2. 7.30-8 p.m. From the Studio. The Rev. Mr. H. R. Wells will give the 21th lesson from "Cantones for everyone." 8.30-9 p.m. Orchestral. The Damask Rose. Court Symphony Orchestra, DX24. The Merry Brothers. Echoes of the Valley. The Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra, 1921. Waddinfen Memories. Herman Finck and His Orchestra, 9836. 9.30-9.55 p.m. From the Studio. A. G. Braine Hartnell Esq., M.A. will lecture on Dr. Johnson Part 2. 9 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, 1921. 9.55-10.30 p.m. Experimental Relay Period.

10.30-9 p.m. Musical Comedy, Merrie England (Vocal Gems), 10893. A Country Girl. London Theatre Orchestra, DX45. The Three Musketeers. My Sword and I. The Three Musketeers-Gascons. Dennis King and Chorus, 127. 9.55-10.15 p.m. Concert Items. Octet Song of the Waterfall. Octet Song of the Celeste Octet. Octet. The Sweetest Flower that Blooms. (by J. B. Squire Celeste Octet, 157. Song Until Arnold Laddi (Tenor). 158. Some A. V. F. of Orders Grey. Malachy McEachern (Baro.), 159. Octet. Mynor Stedman. J. H. Celeste Octet, 160. 10.15-10.30 p.m. Band Music. Paul Robins Memories. Debray Somers Band, 10882. Under the Double Eagle. High School Cadets' March. Souza's Band. 10.30 p.m. Close Down.

AN INTERNATIONAL RECITAL.

EXCELLENT CONCERT AT THE HELENA MAY.

The International song recital arranged by Mrs. Richard Sanger and given at the Helena May Institute last evening was largely attended and was greatly enjoyed by those present. The concert was relayed by the Hongkong Broadcasting Studio and was received by radio fans.

Careful thought had been given to the selection of artistes and songs, with the result that the recital was of a high standard throughout. Mrs. Winifred F. Wilson, who has a charming contralto voice, opened the programme with two songs from Quilter's works, "Fair House of Joy" and "Now Sleeps the crimson Rose," and later also contributed Elgar's "Mary Stuart's Song" and "Rondel."

Mr. Li Choi-ki, who is by now a well-known figure at concerts and recitals, gave "Santa Lucia" and "Torna a Sorrento" by Mario and "Torna a Sorrento" by de Curtis, while in the second half of the programme he sang de Fontenailles' "Obstinate" and Huie's "Pai Pleure en Rose."

Two of Mozart's songs "Deh Violi" and "Non so' pi" were extremely well rendered by Mrs. Oswald Womack (soprano) in the first part of the programme, and she subsequently followed these with "At the Ball" by Tschitschowsky and "Trieste est la Steppe" by Gretchaninoff.

The organist, Mrs. Sanger, herself contributed towards the programme with three short songs by Brahms, "A Bird Dies over the Rhine," "Do you often call to mind?" and "Love is for ever."

The accompanists were Miss Praza, Mr. George Grindle, Mr. Dudley Bartlett and Mr. F. Mason.

Y.M.C.A. "THRILLER."

AMATEUR PLAYERS SCORE A BIG SUCCESS.

If last night's presentation of W. W. Jacob's thriller "The Monk's Paw," by the Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Company, is indicative of what these talented players are to present to Hongkong audiences in the future, then it can be said without the slightest hesitancy that their appearances will be not only eager but demanded.

This well-known story, which was given in three scenes, was adopted as the first effort on the part of the newly-formed A.D.C. and was presented at yesterday's Ladies' Night to a large and very enthusiastic audience. It was probably the most successful Ladies' Night ever held.

The story was produced with the assistance of the players and reflects the highest credit upon them all. In addition, the acting was remarkably good, the author's thrills and wonderful moments of suspense being sustained to the end.

It was difficult, nay almost impossible, to find a weak spot in the cast of five, and last night's feast only serves as an appetiser for more.

The cast was: Mrs. White, (Mrs. F. Banjo), Mr. White, (S. M. West), Herbert, her son (G. Wilson), Sergt. Major Morris (J. Ferguson) and Mr. Sampson (Rev. N. V. Halward). Mr. J. C. Graham was responsible for the realistic lighting effects.

The first part of the evening's programme was contributed to by several leading local artistes, including Mrs. Balean, Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Austin, who gave instrumental trios, Mrs. F. C. Wimble, Mr. H. G. Annie and Mr. H. Glover (soprano), and Mr. Dick Barry (soprano) at the piano whilst Mr. H. Dudley Bartlett accompanied.

With such delightfully arranged programmes, it is not difficult to appreciate why the Y.M.C.A. Ladies' Nights are among the most popular monthly social functions in Hongkong.

SEDITIOUS PAPERS.

CHINESE CHARGED WITH POSSESSION.

Mr. J. M. Remedios, defending a Chinese, Cheung Ching, who was charged before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, with having been in possession of seditious pamphlets at Yau Ma Tei, contended that the pamphlets were "planted" on the defendant by one of the two men with whom he was fighting when he was arrested.

The first witness called by Inspector Fender, for the prosecution, was Fong Siu-kiu, translator to the S.C.A., who produced translations of the documents.

Tang Fu, a district watchman, said that about 7.15 p.m. on November 19 he saw three men fighting in Shanghai Street. Two of them were striking the defendant. He asked them why they were fighting, and the two men replied that the defendant owed them wages. He arrested them and took them to the Yau Ma Tei police station. At the station the interpreter asked the defendant his name. He (the Interpreter) then looked up the police report and found that the defendant was wanted for embezzlement by the Hung Hom police. They took the three men to the Hung Hom police station, where the defendant was searched and the pamphlets found on him.

Under cross-examination by Mr. Remedios, the witness said that the defendant stated when the pamphlets were found on him "This is not mine. One of the two men must have put them into my pocket."

Sub-Inspector Fender, on charge, room duty at the Yau Ma Tei police station, said that the defendant and two others were brought to the

COMPANY REPORT.

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. (1918), LTD.

The report for presentation to the shareholders of the China Light and Power Company at the twelfth ordinary yearly meeting to be held at the head office of the Company, St. George's Building, on Monday, December 15, at noon, states:

The Directors have now to lay before the Shareholders a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1930.

The Gross Profit for the above period is \$ 769,379.63.

After allowing for interest, unclaimed dividends for 1927-28, premium on shares sold, and "Berlin fees" \$ 31,063.70.

Profit on Sales of Plant 2,634.45.

Amount brought forward from last year \$ 68,649.11.

102,367.26.

£ 871,726.79.

After allowing for Directors' and Audit fees and fee for obtaining Costing Statement \$ 16,000.00.

Commission on Engineers' Fees and Expenses \$ 17,462.31.

Estimated Expenses of Consumers' Protection Trust, and Fund Settlement \$ 10.12.

Less on Showers, Tradition and Production, and other expenses of the above \$ 107.00.

Dependence on Plant and Buildings \$ 174,952.58.

210,011.70.

The Balance is \$ 601,725.00.

Paid out on 12th March, 1930, absorbed a total of 205,977.73.

Leaving an amount available for appropriation of \$ 405,747.36.

The Directors recommend the payment of a Final Dividend in respect of the financial year ended 30th September, 1930, of 50 cents per share on the "Old" Shares, 0.44 cents per share on the 1930-Issue Shares allotted on 7th February, 1930, and proportionate amounts on the shares allotted subsequent to 7th February, 1930. Such dividend will absorb about \$414,000, leaving a balance of about \$12,000 to be carried forward to the new year's account.

Directors.—Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie was recently invited to, and has accepted, a seat on the Board of Directors.

The Board now consists of the following gentlemen:—Mr. R. G. Shewan (ex-officio), Chairman, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. G. A. de Roza, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., the Hon. Mr. J. P. Brang, Mr. J. Scott Harston, and Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie.

Under Article 95 of the Articles of Association, Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. G. A. de Roza retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Linstead & Davis, who are eligible for re-election.

station by the district watchmen.

The prisoners were all left in the dock, and, if the defendant wanted to dispose of any criminal matter he could easily have done so.

Searcher's Evidence.

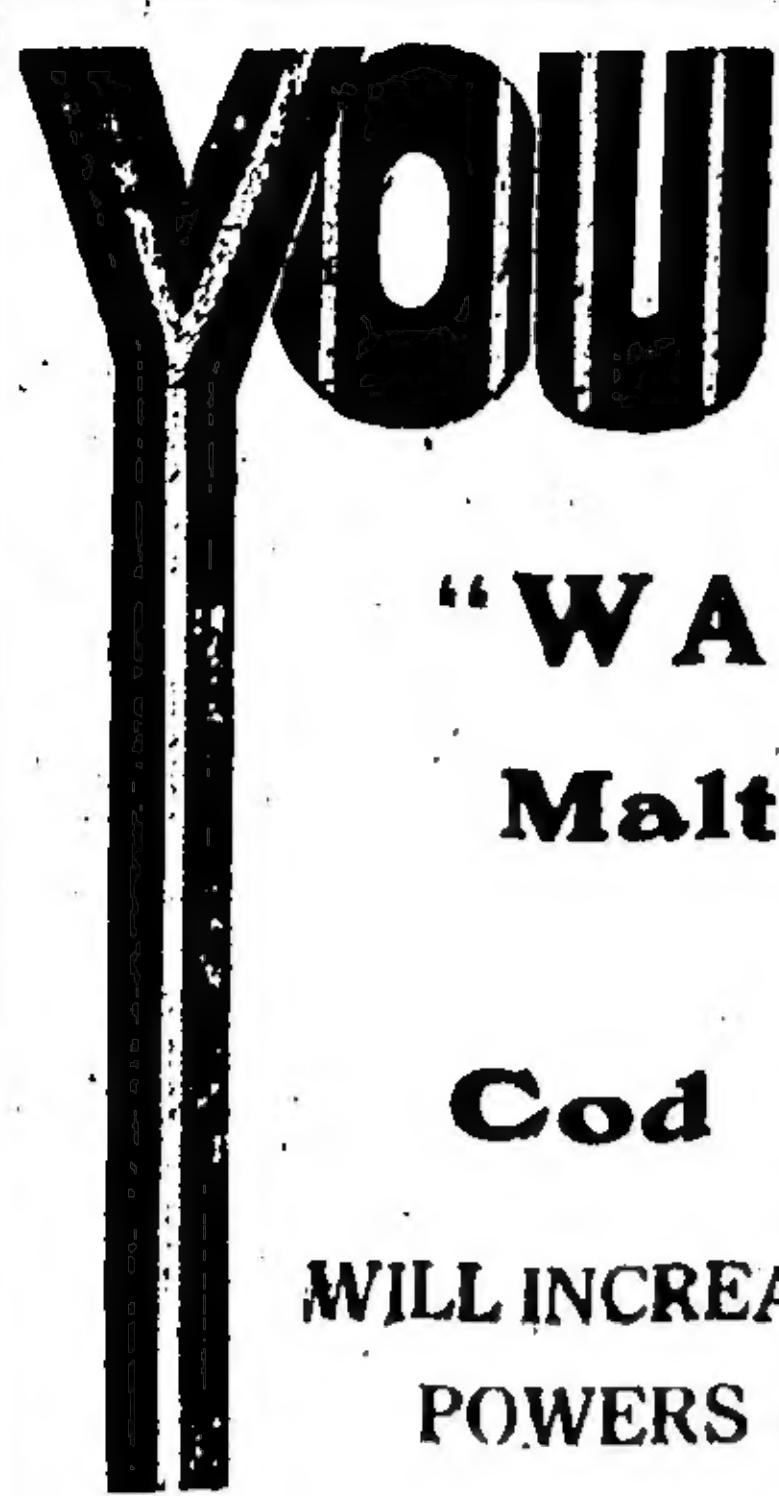
That the defendant did not want to be searched and offered half to be let off from being searched, was the evidence given by a Chinese constable, who said that after he had taken \$1.91 from the defendant's jacket pocket, the defendant said "There is no need to search my person, I will put down money as bail." Witness, however, searched the defendant in his right trouser pocket. The pamphlets were folded together into a small packet, and it appeared as if the leaves on one side had been crumpled by someone.

In reply to Mr. Remedios witness said that when the pamphlets were found the defendant went pale and appeared to be frightened. Defendant did not express surprise. Defendant told the Sergeant that the pamphlets were not his, and he could not understand how they came into his pocket. Witness did not hear defendant saying that the pamphlets were "planted" on him.

At this stage, Mr. Butters fixed the case for further hearing this afternoon.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 5, 1930.

RATING REFORM.

A point of considerable importance in connexion with the assessment of property for rating purposes was raised by the Colonial Secretary yesterday on the introduction of the new scale which is to come into force from the beginning of next year. It was shown that under the existing law, no differentiation is made between the public services for which rates are payable and the Government now proposes to review the whole matter in an attempt to find a uniform percentage charge to be levied in all rated areas for the services which are provided. The intention is to bring this simplified table into operation as from July 1st next. Mr. Ballifax stated yesterday that a rather vague practice has grown up to allocate rates to specific expenditure but pointed out that there has been no rule requiring adherence to a uniform percentage. There is no doubt, however, that originally the total percentage was specifically divided so as to cover police protection, lighting, fire protection and water. How it has come about that this grading has been done away with, we do not know; suffice it to say, however, that the rates have for years past been based on varying percentages for different localities, and that the proceeds have gone to the general revenue of the Colony.

It is satisfactory to know that the Government intends to institute a much-needed reform so as to bring the rating of the Colony more into line with services provided than is at present the case. We would suggest, however, that reform is needed not only in regard to the allocation of the rates, but also in the matter of the method of assessment. According to the Ordinance, ratable value means rent at which any tenement may be reasonably expected to let. In other words, rental is the sole factor. Where houses are actually occupied, the rates are fixed on a percentage of the rental actually paid; where the property is unoccupied or owner-occupied, the calculation is on what it might be expected to yield in the way of rental. This is quite contrary to the Home practice, where property is assessed on a ratable value basis which takes account of all manner of considerations. It may be true that these considerations would be reflected in the rent, but rental apart, houses of the same type and accommodation in

the same locality are uniformly treated for purposes of rating. Here in Hongkong that is not necessarily the case. Indeed, it may so happen that two adjoining houses identical in every respect may be differently assessed for rating purposes simply because, through fortuitous circumstances, they are rented at different prices. The landlord of one may not ask so much as the landlord of the other, or one may have been let on long lease and its rental therefore show a variation as compared with the other. In England, considerations of this character would not have any influence; there would be uniform rating of the two properties. Moreover, the ratable value in England is almost invariably lower than the actual rent.

There can be little doubt that the method of assessment which at present prevails here is rather haphazard in character and is one which lends to all manner of anomalies. The necessity would appear to be to devise a procedure more in line with the Home practice, which would secure greater uniformity of treatment than at present obtains. For this purpose, the task should be allotted to a qualified assessment staff which would work on a basis of property values. We note that the Government intends to leave the question of water rates, as requiring separate treatment, when it draws up its new table. Precisely what this implies is not at the moment clear. If, however, it is intended to raise more revenue from the water services, we may, when the proposals are outlined, have some criticisms to make of any proposal tending in that direction.

Mr. Darling's Silver Plan.

America's interest in Mr. Darling's proposals for the stabilisation of silver in its relation to gold at a figure which would restore Asia's position as a big buyer in European and American markets, is certain to be duplicated in Hongkong. The Colony has everything to gain and very little to lose by a concerted effort to put it into effect. The sceptics will, of course, make the most of the fact that Mr. Darling aims exceedingly high in seeking a ratio of 20 ozs. of silver to 1 oz. of gold, but that there is method in his madness becomes evident when his motives are revealed. There seems to be an idea in some quarters that the proposal is quixotic and for that reason is likely to come to nothing. It does not require a very long view, however, to appreciate that the benefits to accrue will find foreign industrialists with a very large share, apart from the fact that international finance will obtain immense relief in a departure from rigid adherence to the gold standard, which is one of the major causes in the world's economic ills. The fall in silver prices, if not "artificially" arrested and placed on a higher and firm basis, must mean two things, equally important, in every day economics. In the first place, it means that 1,000,000,000 people have virtually lost their power to purchase goods of any quantity from countries on a gold basis, that European and American manufacturers have lost an outlet for their goods. Unemployment becomes rife in those countries and, the vicious circle goes on. Secondly, there is the still more menacing side from the point of view of industrialists abroad, the possibility of Asia turning manufacturer—as she must do if the process of adjustment to present levels is allowed to go on indefinitely—and dumping goods into America and Europe at low prices, made easy by labour paid on a depreciated silver basis. It might be a very long time before Asia produced an exportable surplus, but if the West desires to retain its present position in the commercial scheme, and does not desire to see all accepted values of the present stamped, the leaders of finance and Mr. Darling's scheme would at least form a basis for discussion at a world conference. A ratio of 30 to 1 would place the dollar in a fully satisfying position.

DAY BY DAY

PRIDE IS OBSERVED TO DEFEAT ITS OWN END, BY BRINGING THE MAN WHO SEEKS ESTEEM AND REVERENCE INTO CONTEMPT.—*Holingbroke*.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Joseph Harrop, of Huntington, Stubbs Road, to Miss Phyllis Margaret Goodhill, Ava House, May Road.

Li Hon (18), an apprentice, was admitted as a mental case into the Government Civil Hospital yesterday after being discovered acting in a strange manner at Central Street.

Mrs. B. Thompson of the Advertising and Publicity Bureau, arrived in Hongkong to-day by the s.s. "Rawalpindi" after a ten months' business tour of Europe and the United States.

We have received from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul a further list of donations to the forthcoming fete in aid of Hongkong's poor. It includes a sum of \$150 from Sir Robert Ho Tung.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, before Mr. Butters, a Chinese was charged with the unlawful possession of 604 lbs. of tobacco, on which the duty had not been paid. He pleaded not guilty, and the case was remanded for one week. Bail in \$5,000 was granted.

Inspector Marks, before Mr. Butters, this morning, charged a Chinese with possession of two tufts of raw opium in Jordan Road. The defendant said the opium had been given to him by a man in Woosung Street. A fine of \$60 or one month's imprisonment, was imposed.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

VISITED BY GOVERNOR AND LADY PEEL.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel), paid a visit to the Chinese Y.M.C.A. yesterday afternoon, when an inspection of the building was carried out, the visitors displaying great interest in the activities of the Association.

They were received by a guard of honour composed of the Y.M.C.A. Company of St. John Ambulance Brigade, under the direction of Officer Sze To-chung, and at the entrance of the building were greeted by Mr. K. L. Chan (President of the Chinese Y.M.C.A.), Mr. J. D. Bush (Vice-President), Mr. Y. L. Tsui, Mr. J. L. McPherson and the Board of Directors.

After tea had been enjoyed, the party made a tour of the building. His Excellency being greatly interested in the work, especially in the large number of boys and young men whom he saw taking part in various activities. The gymnasium and swimming bath came in for particular attention, the visitors speaking highly of the excellent facilities provided.

LESLIE BISHOP on

WHAT OXFORD TAUGHT ME.

But I would rather throw darts in a pub with a rowing hearty than listen to painful and sometimes deformed young men being clever at a literary tea-party or a Union debate.

There is an attempt to make undergraduates sexually hideous by statute, but, like other women, they are often ugly, sometimes beautiful, occasionally intelligent, and usually harmless. The effort to keep the sexes apart encourages each to spend its spare time discussing the other and favours words more than deeds.

The Dramatic Society has a false reputation for being full of decadent eccentricities. It is, in fact, full of earnest young Colonials with a flair for brilliant stage lighting and obsessed with Shakespeare. Modern drama more or less died with the Playhouse.

Who ever heard of a greener, more puntable river than the Cherwell?

Ten-pound cars and raucous motor-cycles are so plentiful that no one need confine his interests to Oxford. I spent four very happy days of one term in Glasgow.

No one takes the proctor very seriously, least of all themselves.

I only heard of one man ever being caught on the spikes while climbing over the college wall at night. He stayed stuck till morning, poor fellow.

Landladies.

You are generally in lodgings your last year, and the landlady problem is acute. Both the worthy women who sheltered me had troubles and inadequate bathrooms.

Commemoration—dancing till morning dawns over the college garden with a woman you love—you are a fool to pay four guineas for tickets if you do not love her)—is quite wonderful.

Memories—elder in the cricket pavilion, the spray freezing on the car blades in the great frost, meeting an American, who introduced me to his own unsaddened country, the stillness of the great libraries, racing cars, and devil-may-care people roaring at everything under the sun.

Oxford encourages two wrong ideas about the outside world. The first is that it does not exist. The second is that those people in it, who are very poor, must necessarily be very miserable.

Our revels now are ended. Were they worth while? What a question! Were we self-conscious schoolboys or were we happy? Is not happiness always worth while?

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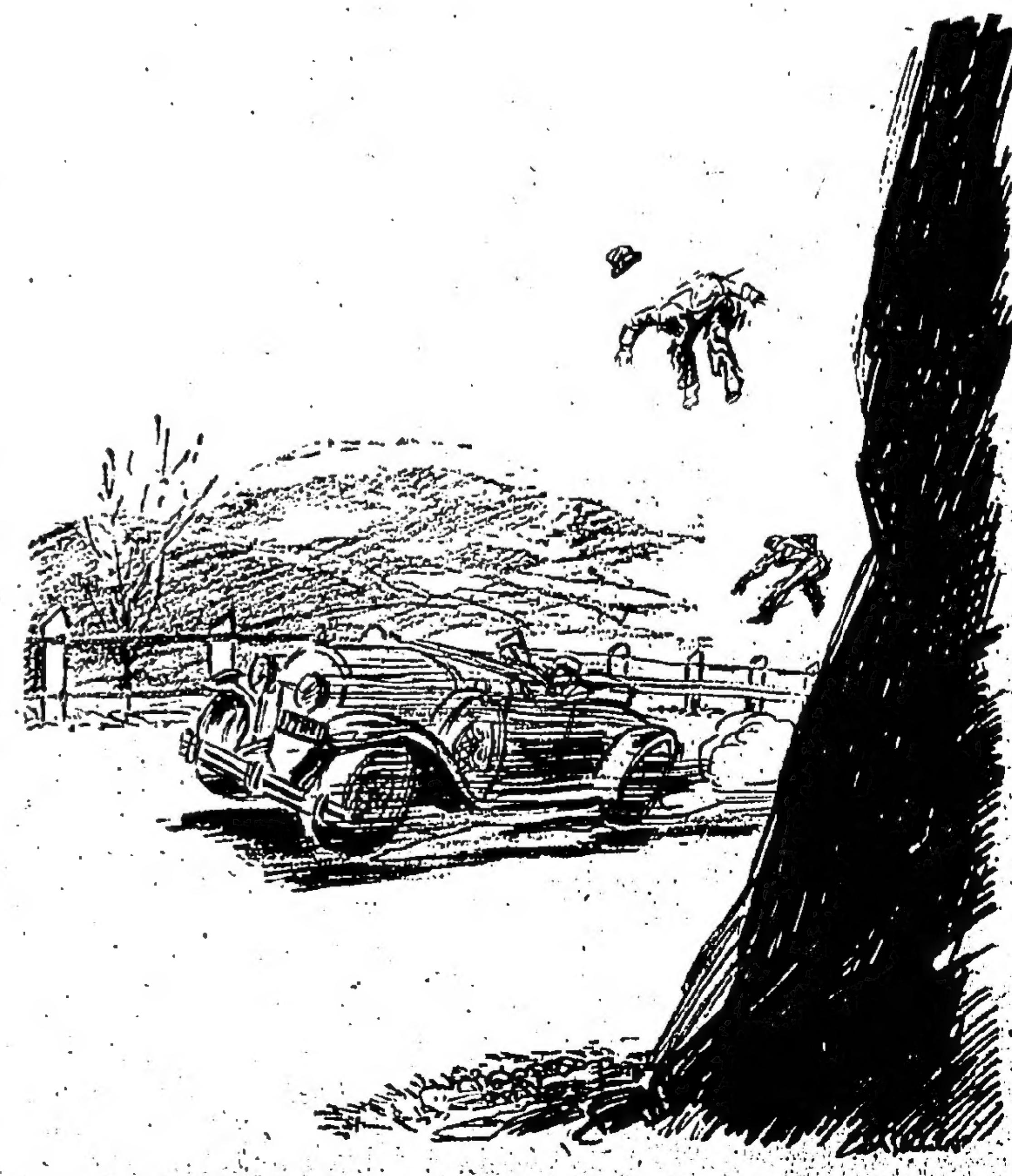
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GOOD GAMES IN THE SEMI-FINALS.

Mrs. Taylor, partnered by Mrs. Keary, will meet Mrs. Gull and Mrs. McCaw in the final of the ladies' doubles tennis championship of the Colony on Monday next, both pairs yesterday being successful in their third round ties.

They have fully earned this distinction, and at the U.S.R.C. yesterday afternoon, delighted a large gallery with excellent wins over Miss Lo and Mrs. Paterson, and Mrs. MacTavish and Mrs. Cathill respectively.

The defeat of Miss Lo, the singles champion, and Mrs. Paterson in two straight sets came as a real surprise, but they had to bow to a superior pair, and have the satisfaction of knowing that their defeat helped in the making of the most attractive games seen for a long time.

The second set was studious with many excellent things, enjoyable phases of the exchanges being the splendid recovery work of Miss Lo and the brilliant attacks of Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Keary. These two displayed almost perfect understanding and shared the work as well as to make their defence quite impregnable. The scores were 6-3, 7-5.

Mrs. Gull and Mrs. McCaw had an easier task than was expected, and also won through in straight sets, with scores of 6-3, 6-4.

Mrs. Gull was the outstanding of the four players, and gave a very fine display. Mrs. McCaw played well up to a point but was not too safe, and the losers might well have concentrated upon her to better effect.

Mrs. MacTavish appeared to be suffering from the effects of being conscious of the importance of the match, and never reached true form, thus destroying the combinative value of the losing pair. Mrs. Cathill tried desperately to cover up the mistakes, but the task was beyond her. She was, however, largely responsible for keeping the interest in the match.

The games were well umpired by Capt. E. G. Etherington and Paymaster-Commander Parsons.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

HIGHLANDERS HAVE NARROW WIN AT KING'S PARK.

A draw would perhaps have been a fairer result of the hockey match between the Y.M.C.A. and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders played at King's Park yesterday, but as it was the soldiers won by the only goal scored, and that in the closing minutes of the game.

It was an interesting and entertaining contest, but the "Y.M.C.A." were suffering under rather a severe handicap in playing two men short, and they undoubtedly owed their defeat to this factor.

It was a game where defence triumphed over attack, and in this respect G. F. Rees, the homester's only full back, was the outstanding player on the field. He worked indefatigably throughout and was largely responsible for keeping the visitors' score down to the one goal.

A little more enterprise on the part of both sets of forwards would have enlivened the game more.

Club v Army.

The Hockey Club put up an disappointing display in the first half against the Army at the U.S.R.C. yesterday, and conceding four goals, could never recover.

There was a hesitancy about the whole eleven in the initial stages of the game, which allowed the visitors to score almost at will.

The Club pulled themselves together after the change-over, but deplorable shooting by the forwards robbed them of any chances to reduce the deficit, and they eventually lost by the four goals scored in the opening exchanges.

Police v University.

The following will represent the R.S.C. Hockey Team in a hockey match with the University at 4.30 p.m. to-day on University ground:—B. S. Gill, A. E. P. Guest, J. S. Grewal, Kalgan Singh, Mohinder Singh, Attar Singh, M. H. Haq, Gurhachan Singh, Awtar Singh (Captain), R. Khan and Mr. Kemp.

RUGBY FOOTBALL. BORDERERS DEFEAT THE SMALL SHIPS.

The ground at Soekunpoo yesterday was much too hard for good rugger, and there seemed to have been no watering done, whilst the rain during the night had seeped right away. However, the game was bright and fast, and the Borderers had the satisfaction of winning by two tries to one. Teams were as follows:

Small Ships.—Lt. Martin; Chambers, Morgan, Lt. Atkinson, Barrett; Pidley, Lt. Hewitt; Arrowsmith, Sutill, Matthews, Shute, Hardy, Luxton; Pennell, Evans.

S. W. Borderers.—Frankham; Shaw, Rees, Lt. Richardson, Lt. Hope; Rees, Morgan; Hardy, Cockburn, Bramley, Hemmings, Lt. Home, Perry, Lloyd, Burch.

Club "A" Team to Meet Borderers.

The following will represent the Club "A" v South Wales Borderers to-morrow, December 6, at 4 p.m.—Bach, J. P. Whitlam; Threeperson, G. R. More, G. A. L. Plummer, Allorn and W. D. Johnson; Halfpicks, J. H. King, and J. L. Bonner (Capt.); Forwards, W. F. Leckie, W. E. Peers, W. Hartley, E. F. Buttreas, A. R. Cox, W. R. Andrews, W. J. Kerr, and B. L. Stock.

Referee, G. F. Rees.

THE LAI WAH CUP ANOMALY.

ASSOCIATION IGNORES RESERVES.

FIXTURE LIST FOR TO-MORROW.

[By "Wanderer."]

There has been a good deal of talk in Soccer circles this week about the handling of the Lai Wah Cup game last Saturday—not in the matter of refereeing, though that was none too brilliant—but in the substitution of players in the Civilian side. Three reserves were selected and when players of the original team dropped out it was natural that they should expect to be played, but nothing of the kind was permitted; other players were brought in to fill the vacancies.

I am not in a position to say whether all the reserves turned up or not, but certainly one of them, a very capable full-back, was on the ground quite ready.

The Association is obviously in the wrong in the face of the facts, and their action is not conducive to the best spirit of the game. If Clubs advised such of their players as might be selected as reserve for representative games not to turn up, what sort of justification could the Association offer for an objection?

Tucked away at the bottom of a column in a London newspaper is an interesting announcement to the effect that John McGregor, the ex-Royal Navy full back, who has been assisting the club as an amateur, has signed professional terms for Birmingham.

McGregor will be remembered as the brilliant Navy back who played in many games in Hongkong, representative and otherwise, last season. He was undoubtedly the most polished player in his position ever seen in Hongkong, a feature of his play being superb judgment in his kicking.

The League programme for to-morrow contains no match of outstanding interest. South China are not engaged, while the South Wales Borderers are not being given a really severe test.

The list follows:

Senior Division.

St. Joseph's v. S. W. B. Borderers.—St. Joseph's, 3 p.m. Argyll v. Royal Artillery.—Soekunpoo, 4 p.m. Police v. H. K. F. C.—Kowloon, 4 p.m. Recreio v. Chinese Ath.—Recreio, 4 p.m. Royal Navy v. Kowloon.—Stadium, 4 p.m.

Second Division.

Navy Res. v. S. W. B. Res.—Stadium, 2.30. St. Joseph's v. Athletic Res.—St. Joseph's, 2.30. R.A. Res. v. S. China Res.—Soekunpoo, 2.30. Club Res. v. Argyll Res.—Club, 2.30. Recreio Res. v. Eastern.—Recreio, 2.30.

Third Division.

R.A.O.C. v. Fukien.—Chinese H. V., 4 p.m.

The liveliest games may be anticipated on the Recreio ground and at the Stadium. The Club de Recreio entertain Chinese Athletic and both sides have a fairly good record to date, showing only one defeat. The Recreio have had to make numerous changes in their team lately and this does not tend towards good team work while their inside forwards will have to find better form if they are to outwit the old staggers in the Athletic defence.

Kowloon visit the Navy and the latter's form against the Civilians last week should give them encouragement though I cannot suppose that the Navy will persist with Peacock. Kowloon have suffered the loss of Blaize, who has not recovered from the kick he received in the Argylls match, and is likely to be out of the game for some time. This may lead to Hedley's return to the half-back line. It should be a good game between well matched sides. If Kowloon can reproduce the form of their two last matches they should win.

The Police entertain the Club on the Kowloon ground and hope to obtain their first victory. At the moment of writing neither team is to hand, though no revolutionary changes are likely. It will be a close thing and the side scoring first should win.

The S. W. Borderers should have little difficulty in adding to their points if the result of their match with the R.A. is to be accepted as a fair indication, while it is time the Argylls returned to winning form.

Recent decisions of the F.A. have been circulated as follows:

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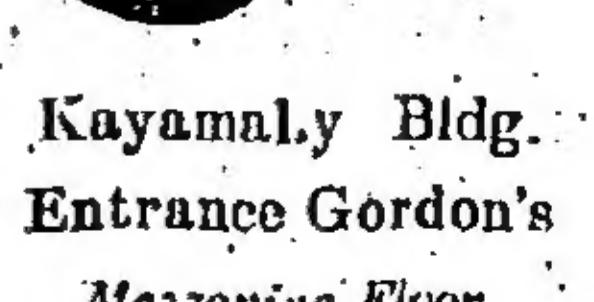
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The following will represent the Club de Recreio to-morrow:—Boltnao; Silva-Netto; Xavier; Marques, Gosoano, Sousa; B. Gosoano, Ward, Silva, Rocha and Santos.

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI:—Fagwill; Stoker and Potouloff; Sloan, Punction and Tavlin; Alexander; Hall, Strange, Jackson and Fowler; Reserves:—Hooper and Smith.

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CHAPTER XXXVI.

John Mitchell, rested one arm on the table. He eyed his companion as he spoke slowly.

"The man's a gambler," he said; "works the fashionable resorts, and any place he's likely to find real cash. I understand he has a number of men and women of high social rank among his acquaintances—particularly women. Must be rather a slick character!"

Evelyn Parsons was leaning forward. She looked astonished.

"Oh, John, how terrible! Imagine Celia becoming interested in such a—such an imposter!"

"Well, I can thank you for helping me break up that affair. Getting her out at your home was what did it. She's so busy now with tennis and fooling around the garden and getting a good healthy tan she hasn't any time left for sentimental nonsense. Of course, I don't blame the child. She doesn't know anything about the world."

"But I think this is dreadful," Evelyn persisted. "How did you find out about this, John?"

"Through an agency. After the night of her birthday party I was worried. Wanted to be sure, and so I made an investigation. The thing took quite a little time. Jordan is shrewd enough so that he's only once gotten into legal entanglements. The people he fleeces, you understand, aren't the sort who care to rush into court or the newspapers.

"You're sure he really is as bad as you say?"

"My information is authentic. No question about it."

Mrs. Parsons was not eating.

"But how—where did Celia come to know such a man?"

"He's the one who pulled her out of the water that time she nearly drowned at the Boat Club. Must say I have to give him credit for that. You know it seems to me or seems to me Celia said before that she met him at your home. Could that be right, Evelyn?"

"At my home? Oh, no, John, you must be mistaken. Celia couldn't have said that. Why—ridiculous!"

Mitchell nodded.

"Probably my mistake," he said. "I don't remember very clearly. Well, now that I know this young man for what he is you can believe me I feel lucky to have him turn out as they have. Yes, sir, getting her into the country is what did it! Something else to thank you for, too."

Evelyn Parsons' glance was meaningful.

"If I've helped, I'm glad, but we did it together, John."

"You're a wonderful helper."

Evelyn waited. Mitchell did not speak. After a few moments the woman's azure gaze met his again.

"You're understanding, John," she said earnestly. "I feel that I can talk to you as to no one else. There's a little confession I ought to make. Then perhaps you'll see what this summer has—meant to me."

There was an instant's pause and then Evelyn continued:

"Three months ago when I returned from Paris I was a broken-hearted woman. You know the happiness that Dwight and I God bless him!—had always known. Never a cross word between us in 20 years. You understand what his passing meant to me."

She touched a handkerchief to her eyes before going on. "I felt so alone! There was no one to whom I could turn. In desperation I left everything and sailed for France. Those months were miserable. I had friends, but they had gone abroad for pleasure. I kept to myself and mourned. Yes, it was a dreadful winter. I think I am fairly brave, John, but I have never been so unhappy!"

"My dear, if this hurts you, don't go on."

"But I must, John. I want you to understand. Besides telling it to you—doesn't hurt. It helps. After I came back to New York I made a new effort to forget myself. I told myself that what was past was past and I must carry on. There were business affairs to tend to. Then you came to me—with Celia."

Evelyn paused dramatically.

"From that first night you came to see me everything has been different. I felt that here was someone who needed me. Here was something to which I could give myself. I was trying to make dear little Celia happy, so I gathered young people about. Their laughter and brightness were the very things I needed. Don't you see? What I've tried to do, for Celia—and for you—has given me a new life. I'm alone no longer because I have—

the theatre. It's on Forty-third street."

"Oh, I'd forgotten. Really, I think we'd better put that off until another day. We can come in any afternoon, and you see it's getting on after three o'clock now. We won't be home as it is until five."

"No, I suppose not."

Celia was not of the temperament to sulk. Nevertheless she could not hide her disappointment. It was Mrs. Parsons who had mentioned the photoplay that morning and made the girl look forward to it. She knew, furthermore, that "coming in any afternoon" was the sort of vague plan likely not to materialize.

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GOING HOME.**

A highly respected and popular officer of the Hongkong Police Force is retiring shortly in the person of Chief Inspector Charles Frederick Aris, who is leaving for home on board the *Na. Kalyan* on December 20, after over thirty years' service in the local force.

It was on September 12, 1900, that Chief Inspector Aris first received his appointment to the Colony as a Police Constable. In those days promotions were few and far between and his next step took him nine years to gain. In comparison with the present period of only about six months. After being made Lance Sergeant in December 1909, he was given the rank of Sergeant three years later and in 1921 he was promoted an Inspector.

During the six months from June to December 1926 Chief Inspector Aris was acting Chief Inspector at Police Headquarters, during the absence on leave of Mr. W. Kent, who was then Chief Inspector. In January 1929 a new post of Chief Inspector of Kowloon was created and Chief Inspector Aris was the first to be given that title. He is at present Chief Inspector of the Peninsula with his headquarters at the the Magistrate.

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**CONVICTS CALLED AS
WITNESSES.**

**ALLEGED ASSAILANT OF MR.
PLUMB COMMITTED.**

Convict No. 1614 (*Tse Shu-shung*), charged with wounding and maiming Acting Principal Warder Bert Plum, at Victoria Gaol on October 22, was yesterday committed by Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court, for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

At the request of the accused, three other convicts were brought out of the Prison for their testimony to be taken with regard to certain acts of brutality and unkindness which the accused said he suffered at the hands of Warder Plum and which he explained had led him to stab the officer with a dagger.

One of these, Convict No. 432 (*Li Sin-hing*), complained to the Court that they had been cheated out of their just weight in rations, it being the case, he said, that they often found it necessary to weigh the provisions themselves.

He was present at one of these operations, when he saw the accused being put out by Warder Plum on the score that the accused was not entitled to participate. The rice was duly weighed, and, as usual, it was found short.

Alleged Conspiracy.

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**RETURN FLIGHT
FROM CANTON.**

**F. O. HARVEY COMES BACK
IN 40 MINUTES.**

On Tuesday Flying Officer A. V. Harvey, test and demonstration pilot to the Far East Aviation Company Limited, flew the Company's machine to Canton for demonstration purposes in one hour. This time was well beaten on his return flight yesterday when he covered the distance in 40 minutes! These two flights give a striking demonstration of the value of an air line between the two ports, and will, no doubt, prove to be the forerunner of a regular service at some time in the not too distant future.

Flying Officer Harvey, flying V.R.H.A.D., took off from Kai Tak at ten minutes to one on Tuesday and arrived at Tai Shu Tung Canton, at ten minutes to two where he was welcomed by General Gaston Wong (representing His Excellency, General Chan Ming-shu), the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, the British Consul General and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. H. Phillips), aero-drome officials, and a large gathering of spectators.

After introductions had been effected, Flying Officer Harvey gave an acrobatic display which was greatly appreciated by those present.

On Wednesday morning, Flying Officer Harvey, together with the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, called upon His Excellency, General Chan Ming-shu, the Mayor, and the Commander-in-Chief at Military Headquarters. Afterwards he gave another demonstration of the capabilities of the machine.

On Wednesday afternoon, Flying Officer Harvey was the guest at a reception given in his honour by the Mayor at the Municipal Offices, being accompanied by Mr. R. Lander Lewis, Chairman of the Far East Aviation Company Limited. There were officials present including the British Consul General and the Mayor delivered a speech of welcome in Chinese.

Yesterday morning, Flying Officer Harvey again demonstrated the machine, and he subsequently interviewed by the Chief Warder for a reason. That official threatened to put him on a rice-and-water diet every time he thus interviewed him.

He brought with him a letter from His Excellency, General Chan Ming-shu, to His Excellency, Sir William Peel, this being in reply to the letter which was sent up by Sir William Peel.

The machine will be further demonstrated at Macao to Portuguese officials by Flying Officer Harvey, on Saturday afternoon. The plane will be landed on the racecourse, which has now been prepared as a suitable field. The return trip is expected to be made on Sunday.

That was not given, and because of this and other acts of unfairness which might have occurred, he supposed that the accused was driven to stab the officer, Warder Plum, said witness, had always shown a bullying attitude towards the accused.

This completed the number of witnesses called by the accused. He was on the point of embarking on a statement when checked by the Magistrate, who pointed out that he had had his opportunity and had declined to speak, on the score of wasting the time of the Court. If he had any other remarks to make there was still the time and the opportunity for him to make when appearing before the Supreme Court.

Accused was then committed.

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CHINA & THE CABLE COMPANIES.

NANKING SPOKESMAN REVIEWS POSITION.

Nanking, Dec. 4.
The Ministry of Communications spokesman to-day made a statement on the present situation regarding negotiations between the Chinese Government and the foreign cable companies, the Eastern Extension, Great Northern, and Commercial Pacific, whose contracts with China expire at the end of the year.

The spokesman said that the Ministry had arranged the early completion of new radio station at Shanghai (making it possible to have direct communication with America and Europe) and had also arranged for the payment of China's debt of nearly \$5,000,000 to the cable companies. In the event of the present negotiations breaking down, the Ministry was fully prepared to handle all outgoing and incoming messages.

The issues now being discussed between the Government and the companies were:

Firstly, landing rights; secondly, the future interests of the companies in China; and lastly, cable rates.

The spokesman said the cable companies desired a twenty-year extension of their monopoly of

AUSTRIAN CABINET.

TO INCLUDE SIX CHRISTIAN SOCIALISTS.

Vienna, Dec. 4.
Dr. Ender, the Governor of Vorarlberg, has formed a Cabinet with Herr Johann Schober as Vice Chancellor and Foreign Minister. Ex-Chancellor Herr Ignaz Seipel, who is in bad health, is unable to participate.

The Cabinet will include six Christian Socialists, members of the recent Vaugoin Cabinet.—Reuter.

landing rights, but the Chinese Government could not agree, though it was willing to discuss a shorter period.

The Chinese Government insists that the Chinese Telegraph Administration must handle all incoming and outgoing traffic in China, to which the companies object on the ground that the Chinese administration would unduly favour the Chinese owned radio station; to which the Chinese Government has replied that it appreciated the importance of the cables and would protect the companies' interests.

The spokesman concluded that the Chinese Government is holding out for a bigger increase in the proportion of cable revenues payable to it than the companies have yet offered.—Reuter.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

ASSESSMENT RATE INCREASED.

(Continued from Page 2.)

foreshadowed by Your Excellency's speech in the Budget Debate and which is explained in the Memorandum of Objects and Reasons attached to the Bill. It also makes a change in the duty relating to partition fees, and this has been suggested by the conveyancing advisers of the Government.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Tung Wah Hospital.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to make certain provisions relating to the corporation named The Tung Wah Hospital." He said:—This is a Government measure but it affects an institution which is run by unofficial people, and it represents, as far as is known the wishes of the Directors of this institution.

There is a very long table of correspondence and Objects and Reasons attached to the Bill. The Directors are anxious that it should pass this year in order that the elections which take place early next year may be put upon a proper footing.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Powers of Arrest.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the powers of arrest possessed by revenue officers." He said: This is really a law revision Bill and it corrects omissions in the Ordinance of 1907.

That is to say it brings them up to date by substituting the present Post Office Ordinance for the old Post Office Ordinance, and it also contains certain references to the Motor Spirit Ordinance which have been suggested by the Secretary of State.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Seven Bills Passed.

The Council then proceeded to consider the second readings of seven bills, namely:

A Bill to amend the Police Force Ordinance, 1900.

A Bill to amend the Probates Ordinance, 1897.

A Bill to amend the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1845.

A Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the District Watch Force.

A Bill to amend the law relating to theatrical performances at places of public entertainment.

A Bill for promoting the revision of the Ordinances of Hongkong by the repeal of Ordinances and other enactments which are spent or no longer required and by the correction of errors.

A Bill to amend the law relating to Companies.

All the above passed their second and third readings and became law.

Examination Fees.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee, which followed the Council, votes amounting to \$195,431, were considered and passed.

Regarding a vote of \$4,206 for entrance fees for University Local Examinations, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes said he would like

MR. BENNETT LEAVES.

HOPE FOR SUCCESS OF THE OTTAWA CONFERENCE.

London, Dec. 4.
Mr. J. H. Thomas was among a host of friends who bade farewell to Mr. Bennett, the Canadian Premier, on his return to Canada.

He said: "Mr. Bennett came as an close friend, and leaves as an even closer friend."

Mr. Bennett, interviewed by Reuter, declared that Canada would do her utmost at the Ottawa conference to ensure the adoption of measures to increase Empire co-operation.—Reuter.

[The Ottawa conference is to continue where the Imperial Conference left off in the discussion of inter-Empire economic affairs.]

to enquire if that amount represented the sum granted by the Government to entrants for University Local Examinations, both junior and senior, which he understood the Government insisted that scholars should enter. Was he rightly informed that the Government paid all these fees?

The Chairman:—Yes.

Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson:—Surely forced entries are rather expensive, because you can take a horse to the water but you cannot make him drink, and a very large proportion of those forced to enter surely have no hope of passing the examination.

The Chairman:—It is not every lady in the grant-in-aid schools who have to enter. I cannot answer the question on the exact limits, but they are naturally reasonable.

Hon. Mr. Paterson: Could I have details, because this will come before the Retrenchment Commission and I think the vote might be left until then.

The Chairman:—The principle might very well be considered by the Retrenchment Commission but this particular payment is one we are committed to. It would be rather convenient to get it passed this year and paid in this way, and it will be a simplification of the method of accounting. The exact decision as to who and for whom the Government pays these entrance fees can be a matter to be discussed separately by the Retrenchment Commission. Your decision can hardly affect this vote.

Hon. Mr. Paterson:—Yes, I realise that.

Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso:—Will this money affect the capitulation grants at all?

The Chairman:—No, not in any way. It is only a simplification of method. It was rather complicated until now, and this will put it on a very simple basis in the future.

The vote was approved.

Stanley Water Supply.

Regarding a vote of \$15,500, being the Government's share of the cost of the pipe-line from Tsim to Stanley, the Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes asked:—I notice, Sir, that the rate for Stanley is 12½ per cent, in the resolution we adopted earlier. Will this supply of water be taken into consideration in fixing the 12½ per cent?

The Chairman:—In the rearrangement of the Stanley rates it will come in later on, but there is no special allocation of the assessment rate for special services as yet. If there is any revision, the matter will have to be considered.

The vote was approved.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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CHINA NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

HANKOW RETROCESSION DEMAND.

Tokyo, Dec. 4.
The Japanese Government has replied to China's recent note demanding retrocession of the Hankow Concession.

It is understood that the reply is formal acknowledgment of the note, and is entirely non-committal, as the demand is not regarded seriously.—Reuter.

U.S. UNEMPLOYED.

EXPECTED TO EXCEED SEVEN MILLION BY FEBRUARY.

Washington, Dec. 4.

Mr. Green, the Labour Federation president, estimates that the unemployed number 4,860,000, and will exceed seven millions by February if the present rate of increase continues.—Reuter's American Service.

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ARMED ROBBERY SEQUEL.

MAN WHO GOT TIP FROM SWEETHEART.

SENT TO PRISON.

A charge of conspiracy to commit an armed robbery on the second floor of 7, Queen Victoria Street, on September 21 last, was brought against a Chinese who appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning.

Detective Inspector Shannon, who prosecuted, informed his Worship that he had been instructed to apply for the case to be taken summarily.

When the charge was put to the defendant, he entered a plea of guilty.

The defendant, according to Detective Inspector Shannon, was formerly employed as a cook by the inmates of the ground floor of 7, Queen Victoria Street and whilst there he became engaged to a maid-servant on the second floor of the same address. The maid-servant, however, left about three months prior to September 21, when the premises were robbed.

The defendant was alleged to have got inside information as to where the jewellery and money was kept in the house, with the result that on September 21, four men went to the premises and stole a quantity of money and jewellery. During the raid of the premises the robbers stabbed the concubine of the principal witness, necessitating her detention on hospital for a few days.

Continuing, the prosecuting officer said the defendant had told him that he had been approached by an unemployed man whom he had formerly known and asked if he knew of a place that could be robbed. The defendant then gave the necessary information concerning the second floor of 7, Queen Victoria Street. It was the information supplied by the defendant which made it possible for the robbery to take place. The accused himself had been present at the robbery and had kept watch outside while the other four men were inside. The loot amounted to \$2,387 in money and jewellery.

The defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

LATEST SUGAR QUOTATIONS.

SUGGESTED CONFERENCE DIFFICULTIES.

The following sugar quotations at the close of the market yesterday in London and New York, together with messages regarding conference prospects are courteously supplied by Messrs. Penrith and Company:

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"	"	6/5	"	1d
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December	"	6/11	"	3d

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March	1931	1.40	up	2 pds.
"	"	1.48	"	3 "
July	"	1.55	"	2 "
September	"	1.61	"	2 "
December	1930	1.32	"	2 "

Telegram from London dated 4/12/30.—Satisfactory progress Amsterdam. There are good prospects of agreement between Java and Cuba.

Telegram from Liverpool dated 4/12/30.—Concerning sugar, our correspondents in New York cable:—"General feeling in absence of reports from Amsterdam indicate Conference meeting various difficulties."

LOCAL WILLS.

TWO FURTHER ESTATES DEALT WITH.

Wong Hon-chui, alias Wong Pui-yin, late of No. 22, Fung Ming Tsat Hong, Pak Hoi Chau, Honan, Canton, who died at Canton on November 9, last year, left Hong Kong estate worth \$37,800. Probate of the will has been granted to two sons, Wong Kai-kwong and Wong Kai-tai, who are temporarily living at No. 519, Nathan Road, Yaumati. Everything is bequeathed to the executors, another son and the oldest grandson.

Local estate to the value of \$5,200 was left by Shek (or Shuk) Akker, formerly of the Naval Yard, who died at No. 13, Morrison Gap Road, Wan Chai, on January 29, this year. He was late of No. 14, Queen's Road Central. Probate of the will has been granted to the widow, Minonah (or Minonah) Akker, alias Chun (or Chan) Pui-chun. Testator expresses the wish that the estate shall be invested until his youngest daughter comes of age, when it shall be divided proportionately between his three daughters.

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LAST OF F.A. CUP RE-PLAYS.

UNSUCCESSFUL PROTEST BY PETERBOROUGH.

2ND ROUND COMPLETE.

London, Dec. 4.—Dulwich Hamlet, the last remaining of the amateur teams that have been struggling through the preliminary rounds of the F. A. Cup, were eliminated to-day in the re-play at Newport, the Third Division side winning comfortably. Peterborough and Fletton protested unsuccessfully against Aldershot after Saturday's match, which Aldershot won 4-1, and Aldershot enter the second round. The results of to-day's re-plays are appended:

Latton Town 4 Clapton O. 2
Newport 4 Dulwich H. 1
Wellington 1 Wombwell 0
The draw for the Second Round is now complete as follows:
Gainsborough T. v. Southport.
Brentford v. Norwich City.
Grimsby v. Torquay U.
Gillingham v. Aldershot.
Fulham v. Halifax Town.
Nelson v. York City.

ANOTHER DROP IN DOLLAR.

Fresh Low Record Touched This Morning.

SILVER ALSO WEAK.

The Hongkong dollar touched yet another low record this morning, the opening quotation being 18. 2.3/8d. This represents a decline of 3/16d. on yesterday's rate.

Since November 18th, the dollar has declined one penny in sterling value.

Silver this morning was 1/16d. down compared with yesterday.

At 11 a.m., there was a further decline in the dollar, which was quoted at 18. 2.3/4d.

Gateshead v. Folkestone.
Watford v. Luton Town.
Crewe Alex. v. Q. R. Rangers.
Doncaster v. Notts County.
Scarborough v. Lincoln City.
Newark Town v. Crystal Palace.
Bolton Rov. v. Stockport Cty.
Walsh v. Newport City.
Wellington v. Wrexham.
Carlisle v. Tunbridge Wells.
Exeter City v. Coventry City.
Matches are to be played on December 13.—Reuters.

PRISONER DIES IN GAOL.

THE INQUEST HELD THIS MORNING.

An inquest was held by Mr. Williams, at the Central Police Court this morning, in connexion with the death of Lo Po, a prisoner in Victoria Gaol, who died in the Prison Hospital yesterday morning following illness.

The medical evidence showed that the deceased was suffering from a variety of ailments, including tuberculosis, which had affected both lungs, and acute dysentery. Severe decay, it was stated, had set in in advance of his years, while the man's general physical condition was extremely poor. Latterly, after transfer from one prison to another, he had been in the hospital attached to Victoria Gaol as a chronic case.

Records were put in stating that the man was convicted of an offence under the Liquors Ordinance, being committed on August 29 for a term of eight months.

A verdict of death through natural causes was returned by the jury.

MOTOR SPEEDSTERS IN COURT.

TWO PUBLIC DRIVERS FINED THIS MORNING.

Accused of taking a dangerous bend in Queen's Road West at 25 miles an hour, and travelling on the wrong side of road at the same time, the driver of a public motor car, who appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning, was fined \$25.

According to Sergeant Brown, the defendant was travelling from west to east along Queen's Road West, just opposite the Government Civil Hospital when he took a dangerous bend at a speed of 25 miles an hour. He was also on the wrong side of the road.

In another case where the driver of a public vehicle was alleged to have travelled from the Central Market to the Queen's Theatre at a speed of 30 miles an hour, a fine of \$16 was imposed.

MARRIED FROM A RICKSHA.

EVIDENCE IN KOWLOON ASSAULT CASE.

HUSBAND'S ATTACK.

"The defendant in my husband. We have been married for seven years, but for the last month have been living apart. We have no children. There was no lawful form of marriage. I went to him just in a ricksha," said a Chinese woman, giving evidence in a case before Mr. Butterfield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, in which her husband was charged with having assaulted her at No. 133, Tai Nam Street, on December 2.

The woman said that about 8.30 p.m. on December 2, she was going upstairs with a bucket of water when someone trod on her heel from behind. She turned round and saw the defendant, who threw some pepper and powdered glass into her face. She was blinded for the moment and shouted out for help. The defendant bolted down the stairs. No one witnessed the incident, but she showed the pepper and glass on her person to the other inmates and the police. She was sent to hospital, where a doctor examined her and wrote something down on a piece of paper.

Mr. Butterfield adjourned the case for further evidence.

NEW HEDWIG DEVELOPMENTS.

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sages to Manila.

"We spent an anxious night on Tuesday with only a few winks of sleep. Our hopes were greatly brightened by the sight of the H.M.S. Stormcloud standing by on Wednesday morning.

"They could do nothing, however, for the surf was terrific. I tried to send some rockets out, but the only result was a severe burn to the middle finger of my left hand. That, fortunately, is the only injury sustained by us all.

Relief at Last.

"We noticed the Stormcloud's lights disappear in the night, and the next morning we saw the Suffolk arrive. We had communicated with the Stormcloud that the only possible way of rescue was from the lagoon side and all day we were expecting relief from that side. It ultimately came about noon, when we clambered on rafts and made for the Suffolk's boats."

According to Mr. Watson, the Hodwigs trades round with the China and South Seas, and had lately been fishing for pearl in many of the islands in the middle and south Pacific. They had been out 90 days when they hit the reef.

Never Wants Another.

"It was my initiation into what you call the 'dangers' of the ocean, and I never want another experience," said one of the European members of the crew to the *Telegraph*, when met by our representative at Queen's Pier immediately after the arrival of the survivors this morning.

The man, who had passed through many hours of a grim battle with the wind and waves, appeared to be suffering very little from the after-effects, and, with a quiet smile, as he walked along Queen's Road, said:—"How do I feel? Fine! In fact a good deal better than before it happened."

Our representative endeavoured to extract the story of the drama, but he said he did not feel at all like discussing it.

The Only Danger.

"As a matter of fact" he ventured, "we were lucky, as we had plenty of food on board, and only danger, though that at one time was pretty big, was of the ship breaking up. Fortunately we got into a few feet of shallow stuff but it was an experience which I don't want repeated."

"No, the rescue party did not have such a difficult task in locating us in the small boats as you would have expected. We were three degrees leeward, and although the coral reefs presented some danger, they were circumvented with success."

"I shouldn't have liked another twenty-four hours of it," he admitted, "for those China Sea monsoons are nasty things, and there is no doubt that we were in bad way."

Third Experience.

Another member of the crew, who would not divulge his name, can boast of this last experience as the third ocean drama in which he has been concerned.

A previous one was in Alaska, and the other off Mexico he said, and in all of them he stood in imminent danger of losing his life.

He expressed no wish to speak of his experience at Pratas Island, beyond admitting that it was terrifying, and one from which he was thankful to have emerged safely.

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